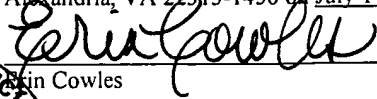
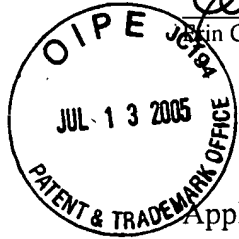


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AMENDMENT

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the Office Action of March 10, 2005, the period for response to which has been extended to July 11, 2005 (the first business day following July 10, 2005) by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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